



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5408

February Session, 2002

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED
BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-49e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section "identification" means a Social Security
4 number, the number of an identity card issued pursuant to section 1-
5 1h, as amended, the number of a motor vehicle operator's license
6 issued pursuant to section 14-36, [or any other means of identification
7 approved by the Department of Public Utility Control] a valid passport
8 issued by the United States or a foreign government, a resident alien
9 card or an alien registration card issued by the United States
10 Immigration and Naturalization Service, or any other valid forms of
11 identification issued by the federal government or a state or municipal
12 government. A public service company, as defined in section 16-1, as
13 amended, may request a person opening an account with the company
14 to provide the company with two forms of identification, one of which
15 contains a picture of the person, at the time of opening the account. If a
16 person opening an account fails to provide the requested
17 identification, the public service company shall open an account for
18 such person and allow fifteen days for such person to provide the
19 company with identification. If such person fails to provide the

20 required identification within fifteen days, the public service company
21 may terminate service to such person.

22 (b) A telecommunications company that is certified to provide
23 telecommunications service pursuant to section 16-247g may not
24 require a prospective residential customer to provide identification as
25 a condition of providing telecommunications service, except to the
26 extent that a telephone company is permitted pursuant to subsection
27 (a) of this section.

28 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a company
29 from accepting additional forms of identification, provided the
30 company accepts the forms of identification specified in subsection (a)
31 of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*